HO-247 THE BUCKINGHAM HOUSE Lisbon Private

Circa 1811

The Buckingham House faces north on the south side of Route 144, three houses east of the M. E. Parsonage, HO-198. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure, within which is incorporated one of the oldest log houses in the village of Lisbon, featuring a wide central brick chimney inset into its west wall. A further two story high addition south completes the architectural complex.

In 1850 it was owned by John A. Dorsey who sold the house to Archibald and Margaret C. Buckingham, whose family held the house for over thirty years. Later owned by David and Hannah Barnes (1884), Albert and Elizabeth Hobbs (1893) and Edgar and Katherine Hobbs Smith (1950), it remains today an architectural and nistorical landmark which provides an important structural link in the scale of the streetscape on the south side of Route 144.

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The Buckingham House faces north on the south side of Route 144, two houses east of the Barnes-Flohr House, HO-199.

It was built in three sections on a brick and stone foundation. The first section is composed of a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), log house with rectangular, central entrance facing north, and wide brick chimney inset into its west wall. This section may date to as early as 1811, the date of a survey of Lisbon by Caleb Pancoast. The second section is a very early two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), frame extension, built off the east wall of the original log house which creates the present five bay wide facade we see today. The east wall of this addition holds a square brick chimney and one four-light, square casement attic window on the south side of the chimney. Fenestration for the north elevation is vertically aligned and double-hung holding two-over-two lights.

The interior of this section of the house features plaster walls and original mantlepieces. The ceilings of the west side, incorporating the three bay wide log house, are six feet three inches in height. A stove was used in the east section's fire place. An old butcher hook was also found in this room, which originally may have been used as a butcher shop by Mr. Hobbs, grandfather of Mrs. Charlotte Mullinix, though auxiliary buildings south of the house also were believed to have been used for this purpose. In the 1940's, when Lisbon School was being constructed, Mrs. Reed used this section of the house as a lunch room. A first floor rectangular entrance to this section is located in the east bay of the north elevation.

A new, hipped roof, one story high, open porch held by four square posts, running along the entire five bay wide, north elevation was constructed in 1976 to replace one of an earlier vintage.

A later south, two story high, frame addition was constructed on the west side of the south wall which holds the present kitchen with bedroom above. Off this was constructed a shed roofed, one story high, open porch, to which was later added a second floor with the first floor enclosed.

The numerous additions along the south wall almost defy description and can be called later frame appendages which were added to accomodate the needs of the owners and add to the convenience of their day to day living. Several auxiliary, one story high, frame buildings are located south of the building, one a long (north-south) building used for tools, workshop and storage.

This old house is located very close to the south side of Route 144.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Buckingham House is significant historically and architecturally.

Historically it is noteworthy as one of the original log houses in Lisbon, to which was added an early two bays, extending from its eastwall and a later south wing. It is reputed to be one of the first homes buint in the village of Lisbon after Caleb Pancoast's survey of 1811.

In 1850 it was owned by John A. Dorsey who sold the house to Archibald and Margaret C. Buckingham for \$90. (WHW 11-74) The Buckingham family held the property from that time until 15 August, 1884 when Jesse and John Wesley Buckingham sold the house with one acre of ground to David and Hannah C. Barnes (48-238). Not quite ten years later, David and Hannah Barnes sold the house to Albert W. and Elizabeth Hobbs, (JHO-60-292) who lived here almost forty years. In May, 1933 Elizabeth died, followed by her husband Albert three months later in August. Their daughter, Mrs. Katherine E. Smith and her brother Charles M. Hobbs inherited the house which was later conveyed to Edgar and Katherine Smith on 15 August, 1950. (221-177)

Architecturally the building is significant for several reasons: 1) it contributes to the uniformity of style and scale in the streetscape of the southside of Route 144, 2) it is one of the largest and oldest log houses in Lisbon and 3) it has some singular features of its own. These features include a wide brick chimney inset into its east wall, a number of carefully integrated additions to the original log house and a pleasing human scale which is experienced when one enters the house and senses compatability with the enclosed space rather than its domination.

Historically and architecturally noteworthy, the Buckingham House, along with the old village of Lisbon should be placed in an Historic National Landmark District and recommended for inclusion to the State Critical Areas Program.

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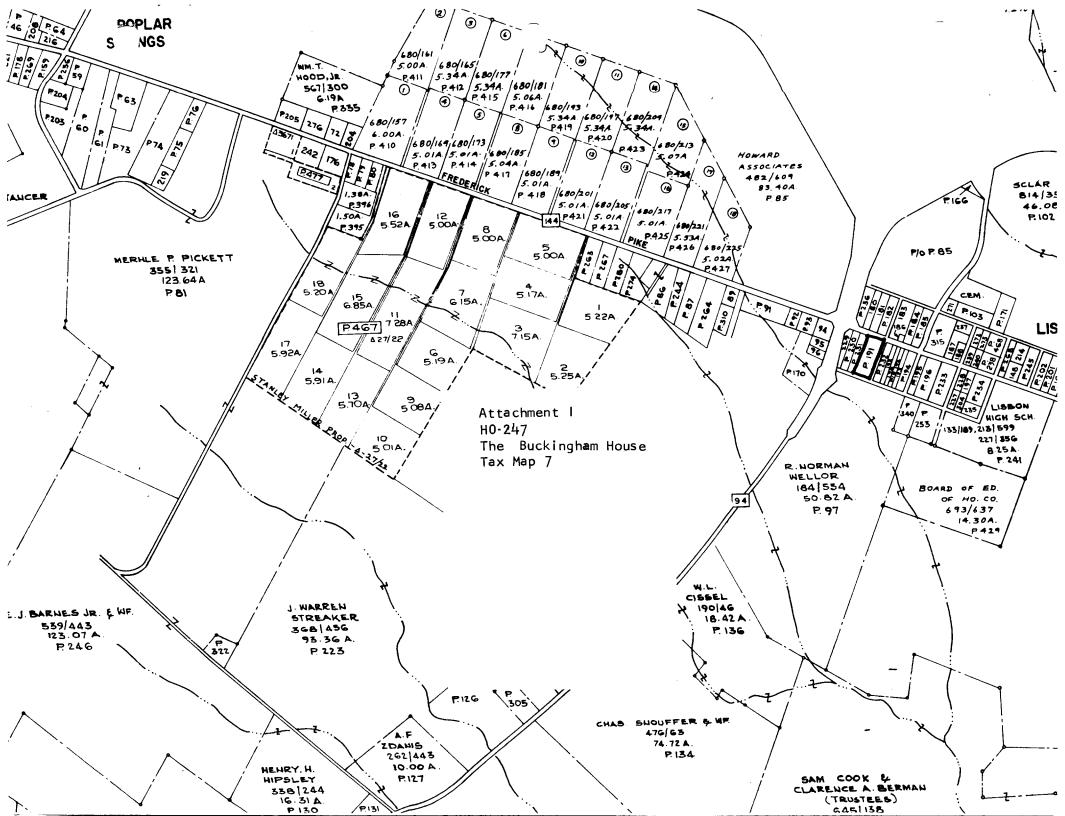
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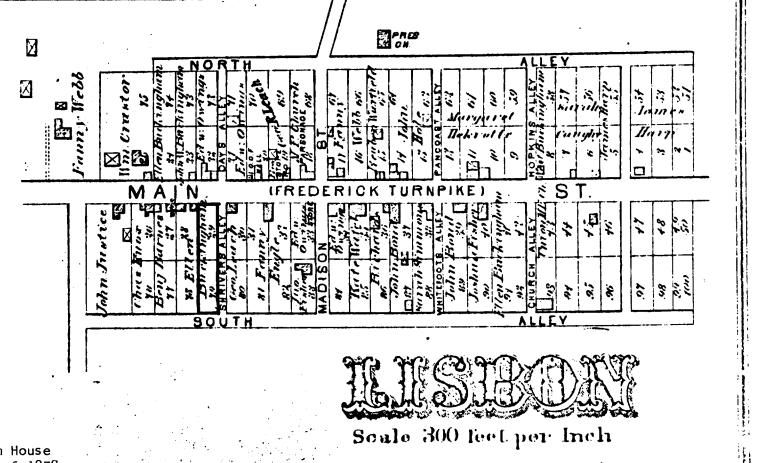
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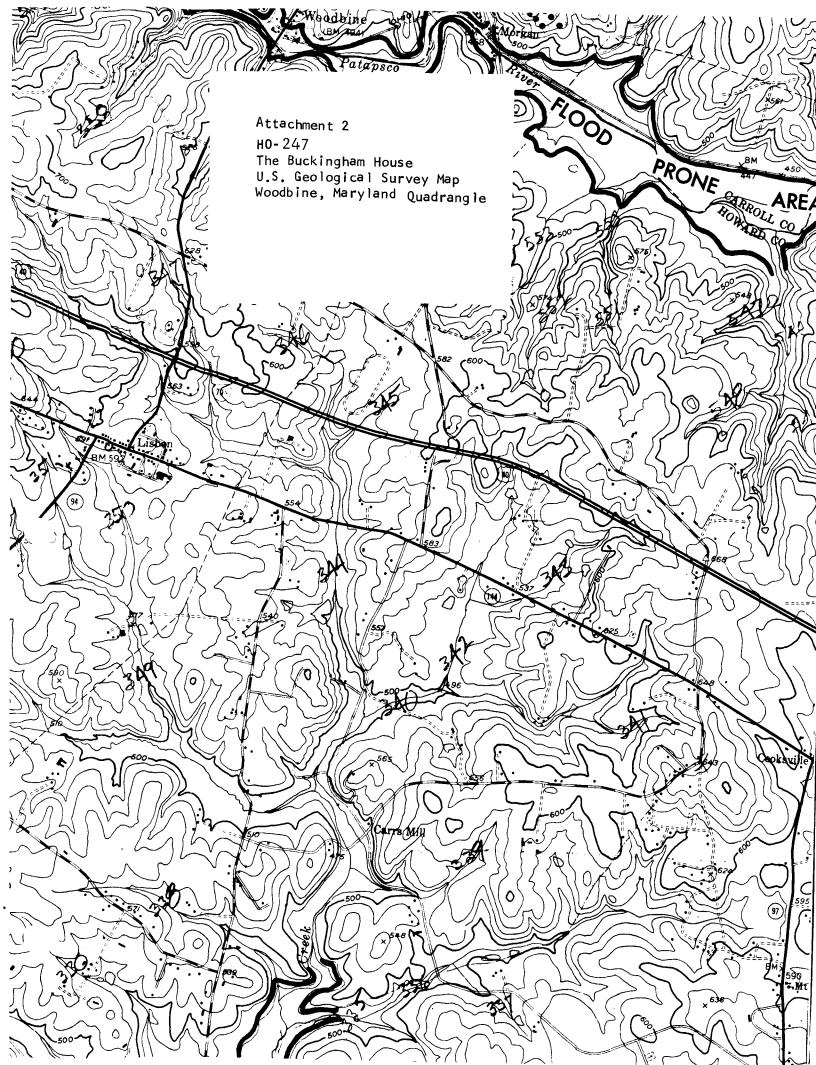
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